

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Michael Kubayanda, Chairman;
Ashley E. Poling, Vice Chairwoman;
Mark Acton;
Ann C. Fisher; and
Robert G. Taub

Competitive Price Changes

Docket No. CP2022-22

NOTICE AND ORDER CONCERNING CHANGES IN RATES OF GENERAL
APPLICABILITY FOR COMPETITIVE PRODUCTS

(Issued November 16, 2021)

I. INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW

On November 10, 2021, the Postal Service filed notice with the Commission concerning changes in rates of general applicability for Competitive products.¹ The Postal Service represents that, as required by 39 CFR 3035.102(b), the Notice includes an explanation and justification for the changes, the effective date, and a schedule of the changed rates. See Notice at 1-2. The changes are scheduled to take effect on January 9, 2022. *Id.* at 1.

¹ USPS Notice of Changes in Rates of General Applicability for Competitive Products, November 10, 2021 (Notice). Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3632(b)(2), the Postal Service is obligated to publish the Governors' Decision and record of proceedings in the *Federal Register* at least 30 days before the effective date of the new rates.

Attached to the Notice is Governors' Decision No. 21-6, which states the new prices are in accordance with 39 U.S.C. 3632 and 3633 and 39 CFR 3035.102.² The Governors' Decision provides an analysis of the Competitive products' price changes intended to demonstrate that the changes comply with 39 U.S.C. 3633 and 39 CFR part 3035. Governors' Decision No. 21-6 at 1. The attachment to the Governors' Decision sets forth the price changes and includes draft Mail Classification Schedule language for Competitive products of general applicability.

The Postal Service also includes a proposed classification change within the price change docket—the introduction of “USPS Connect Local” as a new price category under the Parcel Select product. Notice at 1-2.

The Notice also includes an application for non-public treatment of the attributable costs, contribution, and cost coverage data in the unredacted version of the annex to the Governors' Decision, as well as the supporting materials for the data. *Id.* at 2.

Planned price adjustments. The Governors' Decision includes an overview of the Postal Service's planned price changes, which is summarized in the table below.

² Notice, Decision of the Governors of the United States Postal Service on Changes in Rates of General Applicability for Competitive Products (Governors' Decision No. 21-6), at 1 (Governors' Decision No. 21-6).

Table I-1
Proposed Price Changes

Product Name	Average Price Increase (percent)
Domestic Competitive Products	
Priority Mail Express	3.1
Retail	2.9
Commercial Base	4.3
Commercial Plus	4.3
Priority Mail	3.1
Retail	4.5
Commercial Base	2.7
Commercial Plus	1.2
Parcel Select ³	5.5
Destination-Entered non-Lightweight	-11.1
Destination Delivery Unit	6.1
Destination Sectional Center Facility	-10.4
Destination Network Distribution Center	-23.1
Lightweight	7.4
Ground	-12.1
Parcel Return Service	4.9
Return Sectional Center Facility	4.9
Return Delivery Unit	4.9
First-Class Package Service	7.6
Retail	8.4
Commercial	7.4
Retail Ground	-7.4
Domestic Extra Services	
Premium Forwarding Service	5.1
Adult Signature Service	
Basic	23.3
Person-Specific	22.4
Competitive Post Office Box	18.2
Package Intercept Service	4.6
Premium Data Retention and Retrieval Service	-51.5
International Competitive Products	
Global Express Guaranteed	2.3

³ In a separate proceeding to test a new Market Dominant product, the Postal Service has proposed to offer "USPS Connect Local Mail" for letter or flat-shaped mailpieces weighing up to 13 ounces. See Docket No. MT2022-1, United States Postal Service Notice of Market Test of Experimental Product – USPS Connect Local Mail, November 10, 2021. Any comments on the Postal Service's plan to test the letter and flat-shaped Market Dominant product "USPS Connect Local Mail" should be filed in Docket No. MT2022-1.

Priority Mail Express International	3.2
Priority Mail International	3.7
International Priority Airmail	4.9
International Priority Airmail M-Bags	0.0
International Surface Air Lift	8.2
International Surface Air Lift M-Bags	2.9
Airmail M-Bags	5.0
First-Class Package International Service	4.2
International Ancillary Services and Special Services	
International Ancillary Services	5.0
International Postal Money Orders and Money Transfer Service	15.8

Source: See Governors' Decision No. 21-6 at 2-6.

II. INITIAL ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

The Commission establishes Docket No. CP2022-22 to consider the Postal Service's Notice. Interested persons may express views and offer comments on whether the planned changes are consistent with 39 U.S.C. 3632, 3633, and 3642, 39 CFR part 3035, and 39 CFR 3040 subparts B and E. Comments are due no later than December 7, 2021. For specific details of the planned price changes, interested persons are encouraged to review the Notice, which is available on the Commission's website at www.prc.gov.

Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Christopher C. Mohr is appointed to serve as Public Representative to represent the interests of the general public in this docket.

III. ORDERING PARAGRAPHS

It is ordered:

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. CP2022-22 to provide interested persons an opportunity to express views and offer comments on whether the planned changes are consistent with 39 U.S.C. 3632, 3633, and 3642, 39 CFR part 3035, and 39 CFR 3040 subparts B and E.
2. Comments are due no later than December 7, 2021.
3. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, the Commission appoints Christopher C. Mohr to serve as an officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in this docket.
4. The Secretary shall arrange for publication of this Order in the *Federal Register*.

By the Commission.

Erica A. Barker
Secretary